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You should deliver following letter addressed by the President to Chairman Khrushchev immediately. This replaces message contained Deptel 982.

QUOTE

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of October twenty-third. I think you will recognize that the steps which started the current chain of events was the action of your Government in secretly furnishing offensive weapons to Cuba. We will be discussing this matter in the Security Council. In the meantime, I am concerned that we both show prudence and do nothing to allow events to make the situation more difficult to control than it already is.

I hope

Drafted by:

Telegraphic transmission and  
classification approved by:

U.S. Call the 10/23/62

George H. Bell

Clearance:

White House - Mr. Bundy  
S/S - Mr. Brubeck

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I hope that you will issue immediately the necessary instructions to your ships to observe the terms of the quarantine, the basis of which was established by the vote of the Organization of American States this afternoon, and which will go into effect at 1400 hours Greenwich time October twenty-four.

Sincerely,

JFK

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cleared by [illegible]  
to Mr. Ball [illegible]  
S. Y. CH. 10/23/62

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October 23, 1962

Under Secretary of State George Ball  
requests your clearance be phoned to his office  
before 6:00 p.m. this evening on the attached  
cable:

William M. Brock  
Executive Secretary

EYES ONLY

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Ambassy MOSCOW

DIRECT

COUNCIL EYES ONLY

Following message from President to Chairman Khrushchev should  
 and delivered only upon receipt further instructions from  
 be held/~~unpublished~~ Washington.

Begin text.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of October twenty-third. I think  
 you will recognize that the step which started the current chain  
 of events was the action of your Government in secretly furnish-  
 ing ~~long-range missile~~ <sup>offensive weapon</sup> to Cuba. We will be discussing this  
 matter in the Security Council. In the meantime, I am concerned  
 that we both show prudence and do nothing to allow events to  
 make the situation more difficult to control than it already is.  
~~With this in mind,~~ I hope you will issue instructions to your  
 ships bound ~~for Cuba~~ not to challenge the quarantine legally  
 established by the Organization of American States this after-  
 noon.

~~to have no desire to challenge the quarantine~~  
 End Text.

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10/23/62

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 The/Secretary

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By mmg, NARS, Date 4/11/77

Ambassador MOSCOW

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EXCER EYES ONLY

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End Text.

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